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## Arrivals.

April 8, *Dea Hara*, Steamship, 367, Rango, Bangkok, Mar. 7, General, China.

## Departures.

April 9, *Dea Hara*, for Shanghai, 367, Rango, Bangkok, Mar. 7, General, China.

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## New Advertisements.

PILGRIMAGE TO SANCHEZ. In consequence of the unsettled state of the weather, MESSRS. GUILLEMIN think it advisable to POSTPONE the Pilgrimage until SATURDAY, the 24th inst., at Noon.

J. SOUZA, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 9, 1869. ap24

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING of the creditors of REUBEN SOLOMON, of the late firm of Messrs & Co., of Victoria, Hongkong, and MARIA MOULD, late of Victoria, Widow and Nurse, will be held, pursuant to the 151st Section of the Bankruptcy Ordinance 1864, in the Supreme Court House, on Thursday, the 22nd day of April 1869, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, before WILLIAM HASTINGS, Esq., Magistrate, Registrar of the Supreme Court, being the Officer appointed by the Supreme Court sitting in Bankruptcy.

At the said MEETING the Official Assignee will, in pursuance of the 151st Section of the said Ordinance, submit statements of the Bankrupt's Estates recovered and outstanding, and of all receipts and all payments made or to be made thereout, and the creditors at the said MEETING will, in pursuance of the said Section, declare whether any and what part of the net produce of the Estates of the said Bankrupts, after making reasonable deductions for future contingencies, shall be divided amongst the creditors.

Proofs of Debts will be received, and creditors who have not proved or who shall not then prove, will be excluded from the benefit of the dividend, and all claims not proved will be disallowed.

F. S. HUFFAM, Official Assignee.

Hongkong, April 8, 1869. ap22

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

Between LEOPOLD FRICKEL, Plaintiff, and AMOS DIKENS MITCHELL, Defendant.

WHEREAS an Action has been commenced in this Court at the suit of the above named Leopold Frickel against the above named Amos Dickens Mitchell to recover the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred and Fifteen Dollars and Twenty-five Cents, for goods sold and delivered by the Plaintiff to the Defendant, for money had and received by the Defendant for the use of the Plaintiff and for money paid by the Plaintiff for the Defendant at his request, and it being alleged that the said Amos Dickens Mitchell does not reside within this Island or its dependencies, a writ of Foreign Attachment has been issued, returnable on the Nineteenth day of April instant, wherein Lawrence P. Ward and George E. Lane, of Hongkong, are Garnishers.

Notice is hereby given thereof, and that if at any time before final judgment in this Action, the said Amos Dickens Mitchell or any person on his behalf, will give the security, and file the appearance or plea required by the Ordinances of this Island, intituled "An Ordinance to provide for and regulate process in Actions at Law against persons absent from the Colony," the said Attachment may be dissolved.

Dated this Third day of April, 1869.

HENRY C. CALDWELL, Plaintiff's Attorney. ap10

F. A. WHEELER, HAIR CUTTER & HAIR DRESSER, 20, Queen's Road, (Opposite LANE & CRAWFORD'S.) Hongkong, March 10, 1869. if

## New Advertisements.

TO SHIP MASTERS AND OTHERS. TENDERS will be received by the Under-Signed for the conveyance of 900 Hogheads of PORTER, from Hongkong to Yokohama, in a British Vessel. It must be stated in the Tender the rate per ton of 40 feet, tank measurement, and when the Vessel will sail from hence.

A. H. PRICE, Agent.

H. M. NAYLOR, Agent.

NOTICE. J. HARRIS, the Captain, Owners, or Agents of the Steamer "Herald," hereby gives notice, for any DEBT or claim, contracted by her Crew, during her stay in this port, to be paid to him, at his Office, at the Hongkong, April 5, 1869. ap12

FAWCETT & CO. SHIP CHANDLERS, GENERAL STOREKEEPERS, WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS, SAIL MAKERS, AND COMMISSION AGENTS, Wyndham Street, Hongkong. Hongkong, April 1, 1869.

MORRIS & CO. AUCTIONEERS, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG. (Late J. B. Morris, News Agent.)

BOWRA & CO. HAYE this day Removed their Office to the Rooms above the Office of H. C. CALDWELL, Esq. Office of H. C. CALDWELL, Esq. 1st April, 1869. ap15

UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

NOTICE. THE Company's OFFICES are this day REMOVED to the Ground Floor of Messrs ROBERT S. WALKER & Co.'s House at the corner of Ice House Street. Hongkong, March 19, 1869. ap19

NOTICE. ESTATE OF DENT & CO. A SECOND DIVIDEND of Five per cent upon the amount of all claims admitted by the Trustees will be paid on the 15th May next.

On application to Mr G. OVERBEEK, at the Office of the Trustees, No. 7, Pedder's Hill, Creditors will be furnished with Warrants signed by the Trustees, which will be payable at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Hongkong, March 2, 1869. jun2

BILLIARDS, BOWLS, AND BAR.

NOTICE. THE ORIENTAL BAR, BILLIARD ROOMS, and BOWLING ALLEYS, having been enlarged and fitted up in a very superior style unequalled by any in the Colony, the Proprietors Re-open the above on Monday, the 11th January, 1869, to their friends and the public, and trust with civility, Good Liquors and the well-known reputation of this old-established House, to merit a share of their patronage. There are three first class Billiard Tables in a large airy and well-lighted room. The Bowling Alley needs no comment.

BROWN & Co., Proprietors.

Hongkong, January 9, 1869. if

## THE SHANGHAI NEWS-LETTER.

ENLARGED to double its former size, now affords a better medium of intelligence from this quarter of the world. It is published for the transmission of all the current Mercantile, Political, and General News of China and Japan, by the Pacific Mail Steamers to America and Europe. The Subscription to the News-Letter is Two Dollars and a half per annum, for subscribers in Shanghai, and Three Dollars where mailed.

The authorized Agents for receiving Advertisements and Subscriptions are—Mr J. W. SULLIVAN, 609, Sansome Street, San Francisco.

London & China Express, 2, Cowper's Court, Cornhill, London.

Messrs Wm. H. Pogo & Co., 32, Burlington Slip, New York.

Messrs H. C. & Co., Hongkong.

Messrs H. Pogo & Co., Bund, Shanghai.

Shanghai, March 20, 1869. may29

## New Advertisements.

THE LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS. Published in London for the P. & O. Co.'s and French Mails, and contains Summary of Home, Parliamentary, and Foreign News. Special Correspondence Letters from Germany, Holland, &c. Leading Articles on the principal states of China. Digest of Home Opinions on China Subjects.

NOTICE. On and after the first day of March next, the office of this Company, situated over the Hongkong Dispensary, will be closed. Letters can now be sent to the office in a box placed for the purpose in the same building. The Company's Office of Chandlers and other matters will, after the above date, be at the view at the premises of Messrs L. S. CHAWWORTH & Co., Queen's Road, Hongkong, February 18, 1869. my18

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, is now payable at the Office of the Corporation's Stock will fall due on the dates following, viz:—

On 1st July, 1869,	\$25
1st July, 1870,	25
1st Jan., 1872,	25
1st Jan., 1873,	25
	\$100

Shareholders electing to pay the whole or any portion of the above Calls by anticipation will receive interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable half-yearly, until the respective dates at which the Calls shall fall due, and receipts for such payments will be issued at the Head Office and Branches.

By Order of the Court of Directors, VICTOR KRESSER, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1869.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Unpaid Capital of One Hundred Dollars per Share on the 20,000 New Shares of the Corporation's Stock will fall due on the dates following, viz:—

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Hongkong, March 3, 1869.

Auctions. PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, 12th April, 1869, at 11 o'clock A.M., by order and at the Premises of Messrs JOHN BACH & Co., Shipwrights, West Point.

The whole of their STOCK IN TRADE, comprising Well-Selected Seasoned Spars and Planking, Iron and Copper Pump Tacks, Brass and Iron Screws of all sizes, Brass Side Lights, Lifting Jack Screws of all sizes, Copper Boat Nails, Castor Oil for Steamboat purposes, and every requisite suitable for Shipbuilding and Engineering Establishments.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots with all faults and errors of descriptions whatsoever at Purchaser's risk upon fall of the hammer.

GEORGE A. F. NORRIS, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 8, 1869. ap12

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PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of April, 1869, at Noon, on the Premises, Under the Power of Sale, contained in the Deed of Mortgage, No. 32, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, situated in Bonham Street.

Two thirds of the purchase money may remain on Mortgage, if required. For further particulars apply to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the Purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the deeds of transfer. All expenses of transfer to be paid by the Purchaser. Property to be at the risk of the Purchaser from the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 5, 1869. ap20

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th and 15th April, at Noon, the contents of G. F. MACLEAN, Esq. The whole of the FURNITURE, CHINA, GLASS, and other articles, comprising:—Couches, Easy Chairs, Tables, Armchairs, Bedsteads, Iron Bedsteads with Spring Mattresses, Wardrobes with Plate Glass Doors, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Etc., Etc., Etc.

Silver and Plated Ware, China and Glassware, etc., etc. A Semi-Grand Piano by BROADWOOD, (made expressly for this climate). A large-size Magic Lanthorn, complete. A fine Californian Cow. A set Double-harness, nearly new.

Also, One Billiard Table (JAZARUS & Co.), with Fittings, Benches, etc., complete. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 23, 1869. ap15

PUBLIC AUCTION. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 9th and 10th inst., at Noon, at Head Quarter House,—

The whole of the FURNITURE, WINES, STUD, etc., of the late Major-General J. R. BRUNCKEN, comprising:—A Suite of handsome Drawing-Room Walnut FURNITURE, a large Mirror in Mahogany Frame, gilt bracket wall Lamps, Carpets, Window—Curtains, Chandeliers, Book Cases, etc., etc. A Semi-Grand Piano, a Mahogany dining Table, Chairs, Chiffonier, Moderator Lamps, Dinner Wagon, Punctas, Trays, Handsome Black-Wood Marble-top Tables, 2 Candelabra, a handsome Dessert Service, Dinner Service, Plated Ware, Cutlery, etc., etc.

Patent Refrigerator and Ice Chest. Bedsteads, Cheval Glasses, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables and Mirrors, Washstands, etc., etc. A few dozens Pale and brown Sherry, Port, Claret, Champagnes, Brandy, etc. A quantity of Green and Blackwell's Oilman's Stoves, (lately arrived). An Arab Horse. A Sandwich Island Horse. 2 Japanese Ponies. 5 Gentlemen's Saddles (2 complete with Military appointments). 2 Ladies' Do. Saddlery. Flower Pots and Plants. Etc., Etc., Etc.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. All lots with all errors of description whatever at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 2, 1869. ap10

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December 1852, Francis Xavier that by his friends buried a hill, distant somewhat from the sea shore. St. Francis Xavier, by J. told that a cross was raised further signified, by two one at the head the other at parted apostle: the same her Francis de Souza has. After a lapse of nearly years, in 1854, in the upper part, nearly a Chinese, and beneath a Portuguese inscription. English it runs thus: "The St. Francis Xavier of Jesus, Apostle of the East, was raised in the year 1630." years from this period, Pre- wrote from Canton, that raised on the spot, where ad expired and consecrated the Saint. It is doubtful was built. For want of these this sacred building, by the efforts of the, and its sepulchral mo- lofty brow and was hid, der, under a heap of earth. In this prostrate condition, tacao, Dr. Fr. Francis de us Baschim and friends, tied to a pilgrimage to the ancia Xavier, should meet ment. It required a great unrelenting perseverance traces of a place, where a thing like a building might to dig out the stone tablet by the inscription. By the inhabitants of the ad- for the island is actually

work was done, and the mo- on foot, because the job for. This act of Catholic led to in 1812. Devoted a new chapel on the old it was, in 1834, not begun, nature these holy memorials by infidels, the Bishop himself told me, to allow munerations to the Chinese taken to watch over their

how the matter stood time since, the present as inaugurated. Details and the life of the great appropriately find place the consecration.

IDENT OF THE ED STATES.

we have received intelli- Grant's installation as took place on March 4, enthusiasm. A telegram from Bismarck, as follows: congratulations on this The following is an out- side's inaugural address: his determination to do ability all that is required position, he declared his pressing the constitutional erposing a veto to defeat- which he is opposed, and to stringent enforcement of best method of securing the obnoxious ones. He ad the security of person and

property, and freedom for religious and political opinions, without regard to locality or prejudice. The President urges the necessity of a return to a specific basis of payment, and the early extinguishing of the national debt as the means of strengthening credit at home and abroad. He says: "To this should be added a faithful collection of the revenue, a strict accountability to the treasury for every dollar collected, and the greatest practicable retrenchment in expenditure in every department of the Government. When we compare the paying capacity of the country now, with ten States still in poverty from the effects of war, but soon to emerge, I trust, into greater prosperity than ever before, with its paying capacity twenty-five years ago, and calculate what it probably will be twenty-five years hence, who doubt the feasibility of paying every dollar then with more ease than we now pay for useless luxuries? Why, it looks as though providence has bestowed upon us a strong box of the precious metals, locked up in the sterile mountains of the far West, which we are now forging the key to unlock and meet the very contingency that is now upon us." He maintains that the question is not so important as to how the public debt is to be paid, or specie payment resumed, but rather that a general plan of action should be at once assumed, joined to a determination of carrying it out. In declaring his foreign policy, he announced his intention of maintaining of honor of the flag and protecting the citizens of the United States; at the same time he would respect the rights of all nations. The President then spoke of the proper treatment of the Indians as a subject deserving care and study. He also urged the speedy settlement of the suffrage question, which was likely to agitate the public mind for some time to come.

#### LOCAL.

Our article upon the island of St. John was written before we learned that the intended trip to-morrow was postponed for a fortnight. It may not, however, be the least interesting to our readers, the more so as we understand that several leading British residents intend to avail themselves of the opportunity of being present at the consecration of St. Francis Xavier's Chapel.

The Handicap Foot-race before noticed was run this evening, when most of the gentlemen previously named and handicapped started. After a capital race three round the Cricket Ground, Messrs came in first by a little more than a nose, Lovett and Wagner being so close that the relative positions of first, second and third were hardly distinguishable. Lovett was first the most of the way round; Wagner made a splendid start, and would have certainly won had he run a little further; and Sir was nowhere. It is said that the Scotch runner (C. A. Sim) made some mistake, and thought he had another circuit of the course in which to crowd in his final spurt, when the race was won by those in front of him.

We gather from Java papers, translations of which appear in the Straits Times, that the English firm of Messrs. Melbourn & Co. established in Surabaya, had stopped payment. The "passive" debt of the concern is said to amount to £6,000,000. The failure is attributed to transactions of members of the firm in England. The Chinese traders are also said to be breaking up on all sides, so much so, in fact, that the *Nieuws Bode* says that people no longer count the number of those who have failed, but of those who fulfil their obligations. The force in Semarang, still continues, and famine is impending, and not only in that district, but all over the country. Eighteen years ago a famine occurred at Denak and Grobagang in which, in the former district alone, 100,000 persons perished.

The Straits Times, in noticing the judgment in the recent libel case, remarks: "We shall have more to say on the case on a future occasion, possessing as it does much interest to us as Journalists in a Crown Colony. Mentioning our confinement ourselves to congratulating our contemporary on his 'good deliverance' from the rules which threatened him from a flagrant misuse of power, on the part of a Government official, who could certainly to hear more about it. We wonder what would be said if any of the Home papers were prosecuted by the Attorney-General for their virulent abuse of Louis Napoleon and Queen Isabella of Spain." Our Straits contemporary has a keener appreciation of the public importance of the case than have some other journals that we could name; but they probably agree with the learned Attorney-General, that defendant's grievance was a "sentimental" one. We value our contemporary's congratulations, and accept its courtesy with pleasure.

The following paragraph is from the *Friend of India*:—"The Mahomedan movement which has expelled the Chinese from Eastern Turkestan since 1863 seems to be effecting the north of China. The uncle of the Emperor has led from Peking the imperial brigade of guards, to Kweh-wa-ching, a large mart in the Shan province beyond the Great Wall. This wealthy place, which is 400 miles north-west of Peking and 240 west of the pass of Kalgan, has been threatened by the Mahomedan robbers, who have hitherto attempted to enter Sianse along the great middle road which leads through the centre of China to Tientsin on the seaboard. The Kalgan pass is that by which the Mongol hordes have always invaded China from Central Asia, and if the Mahomedans seize it before the Peking General, the consequences will be very serious. With Sianse pressing very near, and more on the Mahomedan side of Turkestan, this movement towards and into China proper is likely to be more marked every year."

[Our contemporary appears not to be aware that Kalgan is strongly fortified and better garrisoned than most places in China. The danger of the Mahomedans seizing it is very remote.—Ed. C. M.]

banks. But the special jury chose to disregard the summing-up, and found for the banks, thus insinuating that they understood the case better than the judge, or else proving that they had prejudged the matter. It has long been well known here that the respondent case was hopeless, and so strong an opinion did the Lord Council hold on the subject, that they judgment carries all costs whatever, whether on the trial or the appeal. Well may the banks say of the Hongkong jury, "Save us from our friends!" The case, in truth, should never have been tried.

The following items are from the *Straits Times* to March 30:—The Diamond Company's steamer *United States* arrived from Hongkong on the 22nd instant, and cleared for London via the Cape on the 26th. It was a cargo of about 100 tons of diamonds, with a considerable amount of Singapore cargo on board. We learn from a despatch that Lord Granville, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, disapproves of making Pilotage compulsory on the shipping frequenting Singapore. This meets with the approval of the mercantile portion of the community.

The 22nd instant, the birthday of His Majesty, King Frederick William of Prussia, was kept with much enthusiasm, as a general holiday by the whole German community. The Prussian corvette *Madusa*, Captain Struben, at present in harbour, fired a royal salute at noon, and so did H. M.'s sloop *Reindeer*, Captain Robinson, in honour of the day.

The Austrian Expedition has not yet arrived, but the two frigates composing it, the *Donau* and *Frederick*, have passed Amoy and are daily expected. The Chevalier Dr. Von Scherzer, Chief of the Scientific Section of the Expedition, has been here for some time waiting the arrival of the frigates.

To-day (April 1) is the second anniversary of the transfer of the Straits Settlements from the rule of the India Government to that of the Colonial Office. Nearly two years ago at noon on the 1st April, 1867, this colony came into existence as a colony. From being a dependency of a dependency it became an independent as it is ever likely to be, and so to speak, set up in life for itself. We had imagined therefore that it would be kept as a holiday. It was so kept last year, and it is down in the Directory as a holiday, but this year hardly a movement has been made to recognise the day as any but an ordinary one. This feeling of indifference towards such a day may be interpreted to indicate one of two classes of popular feeling, either the transfer is looked upon as a serious blunder from first to last, or Colonial rule as administered at present here has been bitterly disappointing and distasteful, and disregard of this natal day may be meant as a significant mode of giving expression to this feeling.

Our readers will remember that the office of the *Straits Times* was recently destroyed by fire. The business of the paper was carried on over premises occupied by Messrs. Loke, Hong Chai & Co., general dealers, all of whose property, except their books, was destroyed. A few days after, Mr. Loke and Hong Chai were charged with arson. On the 29th March, the case came before the Magistrate in the Singapore Police Court. The only evidence produced against them was that of a coolie who had stated that he had seen the accused commit the offence charged, and it was upon his information that they were arrested. Before the Magistrate he utterly broke down, and the attorney for the prosecution withdrew it. There was no other witness. From what transpired it seems probable that the coolie was merely an instrument worked by others.

Mr. Atchison (for the defence) said that as far as his professional friends were concerned, everything had been done in all honor and propriety, but he was sorry he could not extend the expression. Mr. Atchison (for the prosecution) suggested that the witness should be detained in custody, which Mr. Atchison heartily concurred in. His Worship said he must first have an undertaking from some one to prosecute this man. Mr. Atchison said he was instructed to proceed against him, either for perjury by himself or for conspiracy with others. He felt very much for him, because he had been the victim of designing persons, but still the ends of justice must be fulfilled. His Worship then said he felt it his duty to order the witness to be detained in custody. It was a matter of most serious moment to reflect that a coolie might at any moment come forward and endanger the liberty, and perhaps the lives, of any of us. With reference to the defendants, he regretted extremely that such a charge had been brought by means of such an instrument, and had only to say, in discharging them, that they left the Court without the smallest imputation or stain on their characters whatever.

THE HOLWORTHY MURDER.

Mr May was engaged most of the day in the investigation of the charge of murder against Low Aow, which was conducted in the Small Court.

An Inspector having given evidence of the distance from the Gap to the spot where Mr Holworthy's body was found, estimating it to be 437 yards, according to the sinuosity of the road—the fact that two unopened bundles of cut grass having been found about 130 yards distant on the day of the murder was next deposed to. From this place on the hill, however, the part of the road where the body was found was hidden by a bluff. Any person on the road could be seen, and only the bluff intervened to hide the body. An inspection of the spot was made by Mr Lister and Captain Deane yesterday afternoon. This statement was confirmed by P. C. Williams, who said that he could see a man in the road, where deceased was found, from any of the grass-cutting places.

The two women (grass cutters) who had previously given evidence then narrated how they had accompanied Captain Deane and Mr Lister to the Hill yesterday and to the scene of the murder of Mr Holworthy, where they had pointed out the spots where they were cutting grass and where the body of "the foreigner" was lying. Cheong Akeu, one of the women, was asked to again state clearly and decidedly that she was near enough to see that the prisoner was one of the two or three men who knocked down "the foreigner." This woman also stated that four women had come to her at the outside of the Court and attempted to frighten her against giving any evidence; but notwithstanding this, she had spoken what was in accordance with truth.

Mr Lister's evidence was then given. He said he had been at the Pokon Gap, with Mr Deane, and the two female wit-

nesses. Describing the spot, Mr Lister said:—I went up the Hill; the witnesses Kirby and Williams pointed out two places at which they said something about finding grass; they also pointed out a place referring to a dead body. I sent for the first witness, Chui Akeu; she was told to walk on and point out the place at which she had been cutting grass; she pointed out a bluff higher up the road than a place which had been indicated by the Police. Both places were on a bluff—about 60 yards from the other, similar in appearance, and both about the same distance from the road. Chui Akeu was next told to point out the spot on the road at which the occurrence with regard to the foreigner had taken place; and she pointed out a spot 130 yards higher up the road than the spot indicated by the Police: these two places in general appearance are alike, both being at a turn of the road and under a bluff or cutting. Chui Akeu was asked to point out the place at which Cheong Akeu (the other grass-cutter) had been cutting grass, and she pointed out a place near a grave in a valley. Chui Akeu also pointed out to me a road or track by which she ran away on seeing the occurrence. From the spot which was pointed out by Akeu, as the place where she left her grass, the scene of the occurrence is perfectly visible, i.e., the spot indicated by her as the scene of the occurrence; but the spot indicated by the Police is not visible. The relative positions are alike in both places. Chui Akeu having, as directed, set down on one side, the other woman, Cheong Akeu, was sent for, and asked to point out (1.) where Akeu was cutting grass, (2.) where the occurrence took place, (3.) where she herself was cutting grass, and (4.) the track both took in running away. The witness (Cheong Akeu) pointed out precisely the same places as her companion (Akeu) had pointed out. From the spot in the valley near the grave, both places pointed out as the scene of the murder are clearly visible and at equal distances from the place. After this, both women were taken in company to the place indicated by the Police as the scene of the occurrence with the foreigner. They were told that the Police indicated that spot; but they both persistently adhered to the place they pointed out as the proper place. Captain Deane was next examined; but his evidence was to much the same purpose as that of Mr Lister. One statement, however, made by Cheong Akeu was corroborated, viz., that deceased lay on his back with his head turned toward the ascent of the hill.

Mr Lister was next examined as to the arrest of the prisoner and the identification of the same by the witnesses. The case was remanded till 10 a.m., to-morrow.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The March Session was concluded this morning, when the Hon. Chief Justice Small sentenced those prisoners whose sentences had been reserved.

The Joking and another who were charged with having conspired together to accuse a Chinaman of a felony, inasmuch as he had stolen Captain Deane's watch and watch chain, were sentenced to two years' hard labor for two years and £400 fine, in default of another year's hard labor. The other, who was a sort of amateur detective, was sentenced to two years' hard labor.

Lo Ling Tang, the old man, convicted of having passed forged notes, was sent to hard labor for six months. Yim Amow and Lee Aak, who were convicted of a robbery in the market, were sent to hard labor for one year each.

TO-DAY'S POLICE.

Mr Russell on the Bench.

The Bench was occupied most of the forenoon with a re-hearing of a case reported a few days ago, against Sergeant McCabe, 75th Regiment. It may be remembered that the Sergeant was fined \$3 for damaging a chair and assaulting a chair-coolie; and that the Magistrate inflicted this punishment in spite of two counter-charges of obstructing a H.M.'s highway, and of an attempt to stab. During the hearing, it came out in evidence that when McCabe came to the Station on the night of the 3rd, he was drunk and "unfit for any duty."

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